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## Companies Set Sights on Achieving Greenhouse Goals

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) is proud to recognize 13 companies who have set aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets. The EPA has created a group of Climate Leaders, who are companies that set their sights on meeting President Bush's goal to reduce greenhouse gases by 18% over a ten year period. The Climate Leaders began with only 11 companies, but has grown to include over 100 companies that represent more than 8% of total annual greenhouse gas emissions from the US.

The 13 companies that have recently announced their goals for greenhouse gas reduction are:

California Portland Cement Company  
Conservation Services Group  
Cummins Inc.  
DuPont Company  
Ecoprint  
Entergy Corporation  
HSBC North America  
Intel Corporation  
North Bay Construction  
Raytheon Company  
Shaklee Corporation  
Sonoma Wine Company  
Sterling Planet

Other companies such as Campbell Soup Company and Coors Brewing Company, have joined the climate leaders as partners for a total of 21 new partners for Climate Leaders. While the 13 companies listed above are not all partners in Climate Leaders, they all have proven that greenhouse gas emissions are at the forefront of their goals for the upcoming year. The US EPA and Wesco applaud these companies, and offer any assistance we can in achieving their goals!

## ARFF Meeting a Success!

Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting ("ARFF") is its own organization which deals with airport and military fire fighting. We at Wesco are proud to be member of ARFF, and attended their annual conference in Grapevine, TX. Shannon Esopenko was out in her home state to represent Wesco, and she reports the meeting was a valuable experience for us, chock full of great contacts and vital information!

Shannon was a member of ARFF previously through Chemguard and on her own, so ARFF was charted territory for her. It was a lot of fun going and seeing old friends and

## Chrissy's Corner Notes from the Editor-in-Chief



The Halon Herald is having a birthday!!!

I am proud to say we have entered our 3rd year as the only electronic newsletter published by the world's leader in halon management and banking. The Halon Herald currently is sent to over 1,100 customers, clients, and friends. In the past year we have gained 300 new readers throughout the NAFED, NFPA, FSSA, and ARFF shows.

Wesco is currently recognized BY The Halon Herald - just ask John about the trade show he went to when all he heard was, "Oh, Wesco! The people that publish the newsletter!"

I'm not going to toot my own horn over here (ok, I lied, yes I am), but the Herald is my baby. I started it, I improved it (with the help of our all knowing website guru, Gene Kelly), I maintained it - and I LOVE it. I love the search for exciting and interesting news. I love getting sucked into styling the newsletter into html and missing lunch because I'm just THAT into it. I love hearing people say, "Great newsletter!" or getting replies to our trivia contest. I love every part of it - even when people ask to be removed from the list - at least SOMEONE is getting our newsletter!

Most of all, though, I love the rewarding feeling that it gives myself, John, and all of us at Wesco to know that we are keeping the industry up to date with everything that's happening out there. There are so many things that I find when searching for stories that cause both John and me to say, "Hmm, never knew that!" I feel like we aren't just selling a tank or buying some halon - we're really providing information to the masses. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy.

So, really, the purpose of this month's editor's note is to thank EVERYONE, all of the readers - even the ones who DON'T read the HH and ask to be removed from the list - for giving us a chance to give YOU the news. You have no idea how rewarding it is to know that, in our 3rd year here that we still have readers. Thank YOU! And Happy Birthday,

## Upcoming Events

October 2006

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**2nd** - Yom Kippur

**9th** - Columbus Day

**25th - 29th** - ARFF Conference

**31st** - Boo! Halloween

making new ones! Some of the many people in attendance were E-One, Crash Rescue, Boston-Logan Int'l Airport, Los Angeles Int'l Airport, DOD personnel, Boeing FD, Osh Kosh, FAA Technical Center, NJ National Guard, Chemguard, American Pacific, as well as several training facilities like DFW Fire Training and Lubbock Fire Training School. Wesco, as the new "kid on the ARFF block," was there to let these fire fighters know there is a new sheriff in town when it comes to their Halotron, halon, foam, and dry chemical needs!

We offer competitive pricing on all Chemguard foams and Halotron. If you missed speaking with Shannon at the ARFF show, please give her a call at (817) 473-6912 to find out how Wesco can help with all your halon, halotron, and foam and dry chemical needs!

We also held a drawing at the conference for an Ipod Nano. The proud recipient of the Ipod was Sarah O'Connor, with Crash Rescue —congratulations, Sarah!

Wesco is continually working to expand our business to help you in yours. As fire equipment dealers, we can help you service your local airport or military base! Call today for more information!

**"It was a success, both in meeting new people and catching up with old friends. I see Wesco stepping in and providing not only excellent product but second to none superior service to the fire aviation industry" - Shannon Esopenko, Wesco**

## Promises for Peter: The Peter Raimondi Trust

A few weeks ago, we were approached by a Joe Raimondi who was looking to sell some FM-200. The proceeds of the FM-200 sale were to be directly paid to the Peter Raimondi Fund, aka Promises for Peter (<http://www.promisesforpeter.org/index.html>), a non profit organization that collects funding for the education of Joe's son, Peter, who is autistic, and contributes any leftover funds to a California based Autism research company. We were touched to hear Joe speak about his son's difficult journey as a child with autism. Peter is five years old and currently attends the Mariposa School for Autism for the past three years. With funding throughout website sales and several outings and events (the most recent being the 2nd Annual Promises for Peter Golf Tournament, held in May of 2005), Peter is able to continue attending school and learn how to function in today's society, and educate others through his own special way on how autism touches us all at some point. We at Wesco are proud to make a donation to Promises for Peter, and urge all our readers to do the same. For more information on Promises for Peter, please visit their website at <http://www.promisesforpeter.org/index.html> to make donations and learn about Peter's progress. This is a debilitating disease, but with the help from all of us, we can make Peter's life, as well as all autistic children's lives, a little bit easier.

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**1st - 3rd** - NAFED

Executive Retreat, San Diego, CA ([www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org))

**7th** - Election Day

**11th** - Veterans' Day

**15th - 17th** - NFPA

Mexico Fire & Safety Conference ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org))

**23rd** - Gobble, gobble! Thanksgiving

## New Column!!

The Halon Herald is looking to feature several "war stories" of some of our readers' interesting

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## The International Aircraft System Fire Protection Working Group

The International Aircraft System Fire Protection Working Group (IASFPWG) was established in 1993 by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to share research in an effort to find a replacement for halons in commercial aviation. The group is open to anyone with an interest in aircraft fire protection, but is made up mostly of aerospace engineers. It meets twice a year., once in Atlantic City and once outside of the U.S.

The main focus of this group is pertains to 5 sections of an aircraft's fire protection system: lavatory trash receptacles, cargo compartments, hand-held extinguishers, engine nacelles and auxiliary power unit (APU) compartments. IASFPWG originally developed minimum performance standards and test methodologies for non halon aircraft fire suppression agents/systems in the four above listed components. The group's focus has been expanded to include all system fire protection R&D for aircraft.

Wesco's John Demeter attended the last meeting that took place on October 25-26, 2006, in Atlantic City, NJ and came away impressed by the level of engineering creativity gathered in the room. "Everyone who steps onboard an aircraft – or has a family member flying on a regular basis – should be both grateful and assured that such attention is being paid to onboard fire protection." The meeting examined several topics, including updates on engine nacelle protection, a brief summary of handheld extinguisher discussions, and fuel cell testing updates.

Since the aviation industry is one of the largest users of halons we plan on examining several of the topics that IASFPWG discusses in future issues of The Halon Herald. Keep your eyes peeled for next month's issue, which will discuss IASFPWG's influence on engine nacelle halon replacement!

For more information on joining IASFPWG, please visit their webpage, at <http://www.fire.tc.faa.gov/>.

## Trivia Time!

This month's trivia is brought to you by the genius of Michael Laderoute, of MJL Associates, a recent winner of our newsletter. Instead of focusing on Halloween or the standard October trivia, this month's trivia focuses on coins. Mike, you're exempt from answering these questions!

Click [here](#) and email us with the 2 correct answers. Since this month is the HH's birthday, we're raising the prize money to \$75 EACH giftcard - just consider it a birthday present! Remember, in order to be eligible, you cannot have won the trivia contest in the last 3 months!

Who was the first President depicted on a U.S. Coin?  
Who was the second?

Good luck!

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